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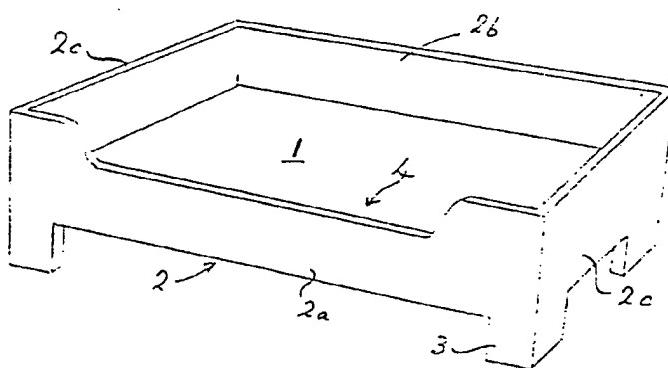
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(57) The invention provides a pet bed having a base (1), peripheral walls (2) upstanding from the base (1) and legs (3) for supporting the base (1) above a floor or other surface. The pet bed is preferably formed from a kit-of-parts comprising a base panel (1), side walls (2) and means for securing the base panel (1) and side walls (2) together.



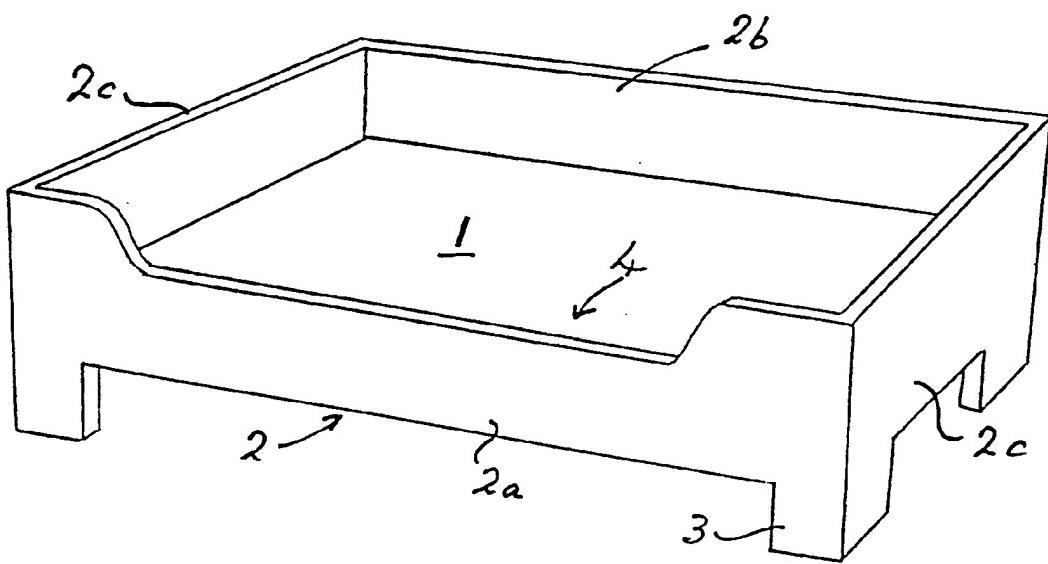
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PET BED

This invention relates to beds for pets such as dogs and cats.

Known pet beds are of three main kinds, namely wicker baskets, textile covered foamed plastics mouldings or so-called "bean bags", i.e. a fabric cover filled with polystyrene beads or the like. All of these pet beds suffer from the disadvantages that they are difficult to keep clean and are relatively bulky, making them difficult to transport and store.

The present invention has as its object to provide a pet bed which can be of a solid construction, and hence easy to keep clean, and which in its preferred form is adapted for supply in kit form for self-assembly, so that it can more readily be transported and stored.

The present invention provides a pet bed comprising a base, a peripheral wall around said base and upstanding therefrom and legs for supporting the base above a floor or other surface.

Said base may be square or rectangular and said peripheral wall may comprise a pair of opposed side walls and a pair of opposed end walls.

Said legs may be integral with at least one of said pair of opposed walls.

Said peripheral wall may comprise a portion of reduced height. Thus, for example, one of said side walls, which in use forms the front wall of the bed, may have an intermediate portion of reduced height.

Said base and said side walls are preferably formed from a solid substantially rigid material such as a wood or plastics material. Preferably the material from which the base and side walls are formed has a surface or surface finish which is resistant to moisture and which can be wiped clean. For example, if the base and side walls are formed from a wood material, e.g. a suitable

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plywood such as marine ply, then this may be varnished, painted or the like.

Preferably, the pet bed of the present invention is formed from a kit-of-parts comprising a base panel, four walls and means for securing the parts together.

Each of said walls may have a portion of a said leg formed integrally therewith at each end thereof or, alternatively, said legs may be formed separately from said walls and may assist in securing said walls together. Thus, each of said legs may comprise a pair of limbs extending at right-angles to one another and adapted to extend around the junction between two adjacent walls.

Said securing means may comprise screws, bolts, nails or other fastening means. Alternatively, or in addition, said securing means may comprise interfitting or interlocking means for securing at least some of said parts together. For example, said walls may each have a recess therein extending along the length thereof for receiving the adjacent side margin of the base panel to locate the base panel. Adjacent ends of said side walls may be adapted to interfit or interlock, e.g. as by means of a snap fit or a sliding fit. For example, each side wall may have a dovetail or other suitably shaped groove at one end thereof and a correspondingly shaped bead at the other end thereof, the bead of one side wall being received in the groove of the adjacent side wall either by a sliding fit or a snap fit. According to another embodiment the said legs are formed separately from the side walls and are adapted to interfit or interlock with the side walls to connect them together, as by providing spigots on said legs which engage sockets in the ends of the side walls.

The present invention also provides a kit-of-parts for forming a pet bed according to the present invention.

The invention will be more particularly described

with reference to the accompanying drawing which diagrammatically illustrates one embodiment of a pet bed according to the present invention.

Referring to the drawing it will be seen that the pet bed illustrated therein comprises a rectangular base 1, side walls 2 upstanding from the base 1 and legs 3 for supporting the base above a floor or other surface.

The walls 2 comprise a front wall 2a, a rear wall 2b and a pair of opposed end walls 2c. The front wall 2a is of reduced height over an intermediate portion thereof to provide a cut-out 4 which makes it easier for a pet to get into and out of the bed.

Each of the side walls 2 has a portion of a leg 3 formed integrally therewith at each end thereof as shown.

The base 1, side walls 2 and legs 3 are all formed from a solid substantially rigid material such as a wood or plastics material.

The base 1 and walls 2 may be assembled together in any suitable manner, although the pet bed is preferably formed from a kit-of-parts by self-assembly with the parts being secured together in any suitable manner as hereinbefore described.

The pet bed or kit-of-parts of the present invention may include a cushion, mattress, pad, sheet or the like which can be placed on the base for a pet to lie on and which may be of or covered with a waterproof, water-resistant and/or thermally insulating material.

CLAIMS

1. A pet bed comprising a base, a peripheral wall around said base and upstanding therefrom and legs supporting the base above a floor or other surface.
2. A pet bed according to claim 1, wherein said base is square or rectangular and said peripheral wall comprises a pair of opposed side walls and a pair of opposed end walls.
3. A pet bed according to claim 2, wherein said legs are integral with at least one of said pair of opposed walls.
4. A pet bed according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said peripheral wall comprises a portion of reduced height.
5. A pet bed according to claims 2 and 4, wherein one of said side walls forms the front wall of the bed and has an intermediate portion of reduced height.
6. A pet bed according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said base and said side walls are formed from a solid substantially rigid material such as a wood or plastics material.
7. A pet bed according to claim 2, or any one of claims 3 to 6 when dependent upon claim 2, wherein said pet bed is formed from a kit-of-parts comprising a base panel, four walls and means for securing the parts together.
8. A pet bed according to claim 7, wherein each of said walls has a portion of a said leg formed integrally therewith at each end thereof.
9. A pet bed according to claim 7, wherein said legs are formed separately from said walls and assist in securing said walls together.
10. A pet bed according to claim 9, wherein each of said legs comprises a pair of limbs extending at right-angles to one another and adapted to extend around the junction between two adjacent walls.

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11. A pet bed according to any one of claims 7 to 10, wherein said securing means comprises screws, bolts, nails or other fastening means.
12. A pet bed according to any one of claims 7 to 11, wherein said securing means comprises interfitting or interlocking means for securing at least some of said parts together.
13. A pet bed according to claim 12, wherein said walls each have a recess therein for receiving the adjacent side margin of the base panel.
14. A pet bed according to claim 12, wherein adjacent ends of said side walls are adapted to interfit or interlock.
15. A pet bed substantially as hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawing.
16. A kit-of-parts for forming a pet bed according to any one of the preceding claims.